

# List of solar deities

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A solar deity is a god or goddess who represents the Sun, or an aspect of it, usually by its perceived power and strength. Solar deities and Sun worship can be found throughout most of recorded history in various forms. The following is a **list of solar deities**:

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- [Anyanwu](#), Igbo god believed to dwell in the Sun
- [Magec](#), Tenerife goddess of the Sun and light
- [Mawu](#), Dahomey goddess associated with the Sun and the Moon
- [uMvelinqangi](#), Xhosa and Zulu people's god of the Sun and sky
- [iNyanga](#), Zulu people, goddess of the Moon
- [Ukhulukhulwanaa](#) star, Zulu people's ancestor who came from the stars. He taught them to build huts and taught them the high laws of isiNtu

# **Egyptian mythology**

- [Amun](#), creator deity sometimes identified as a Sun god
- [Aten](#), god of the Sun, the visible disc of the Sun
- [Atum](#), the "finisher of the world" who represents the Sun as it sets
- [Bast](#), cat goddess associated with the Sun
- [Hathor](#), mother of Horus and Ra and goddess of the Sun
- [Horus](#), god of the sky whose right eye was considered to be the Sun and his left the Moon
- [Khepri](#), god of the rising Sun, creation and renewal of life
- [Ptah](#), god of craftsmanship, the arts, and fertility, sometimes said to represent the Sun at night
- [Ra](#), god of the Sun
- [Sekhmet](#), goddess of war and of the Sun, sometimes also plagues and creator of the desert
- [Sopdu](#), god of war and the scorching heat of the summer Sun

# **American**

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## Aztec mythology

- Huitzilopochtli, god of the Sun and war
- Nanahuatzin, god of the Sun
- Teoyaomicqui, god of lost souls, the Sun, and the sixth hour of the day
- Tonatiuh, god of the Sun and ruler of the heavens

## Brazilian mythology

- Guaraci, god of the Sun (Guarani mythology)
- Meri, folk hero and god of the Sun

## Incan mythology

- Inti, god of the Sun and patron deity of the Inca Empire
- Ch'aska ("Venus") or Ch'aska Quyllur ("Venus star") was the goddess of dawn and twilight, the planet

## Inuit mythology

- Akycha, Sun goddess worshiped in Alaska
- Malina, goddess of the Sun found most commonly in the legends of Greenland

## Maya mythology

- Ah Kin, god of the Sun, bringer of doubt, and protector against the evils associated with darkness
- Hunahpu, one of the Maya Hero Twins; he transformed into the Sun while his brother transformed into the Moon
- Kinich Ahau, god of the Sun

## Muisca mythology

- Sué, god of the Sun and husband of Chía, the Moon

## Other Amerindian mythology

- Jóhonaa'éí, the Navajo Sun god, known as The One Who Rules the Day
- Kisosen, the Abenaki solar deity, an eagle whose wings opened to create the day and closed to cause the nighttime
- Napioa, the Blackfoot deity of the Sun
- Tawa, the Hopi creator and god of the Sun
- Wi, Lakota god of the Sun

## Asian

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## Ainu mythology

- Chup Kamui, a lunar goddess who switched places with her brother to become goddess of the Sun

## Arabian mythology

- Malakbel, god of the Sun
- Shams/Shamsun, a solar goddess exalted in Himyar and by the Sabaeans.<sup>[1][2][3][4]</sup>

## Armenian mythology

- Ar, Arev, Areg, Aregak, Arpi, the Sun god with its people as "children of the Sun"

## Buddhist mythology

- Marici, goddess of the heavens, the Sun, and light
- Surya, god of the Sun (Suriya Pariththa, Suthra Pitaka, Pali canon, Theravada Buddhism)

## Canaanite mythology

- Shapash, goddess of the Sun

## Chinese mythology

- Doumu, Sun goddess sometimes conflated with Marici.
- Xihe, Sun goddess and mother of the ten suns
- Yu Yi, god that carries the Sun across the sky
- Xu Kai, god of the Sun star



Statue of the goddess Xihe charioteering the Sun, being pulled by a dragon, in Hangzhou

## Elamite

- Nahundi, god of the Sun and law

## Filipino mythology

- Init-init: the Itneg god of the Sun married to the mortal Aponibolinayen; during the day, he leaves his house to shine light on the world<sup>[5]</sup>
- Chal-chal: the Bontok god of the Sun whose son's head was cut off by Kabigat;<sup>[6]</sup> aided the god Lumawig in finding a spouse<sup>[7]</sup>
- Mapatar: the Ifugao sun deity of the sky in charge of daylight<sup>[8]</sup>
- Sun God: the Ibaloi deity who pushed up the skyworld and pushed down the underworld, creating earth, after he was hit by a man's arrow during the war between the peoples of the skyworld and the underworld<sup>[9]</sup>

- Elag: the Bugkalot deity of the Sun, worshiped with the moon and stars; has a magnificent house in the sky realm called Gacay; retreats to his home during nights; giver of light and growth<sup>[10]</sup>
- Apo Init: the Ilocano deity of the sun<sup>[11]</sup>
- Amman: the Ilocano god of the Sun, where the sun is his eye<sup>[12]</sup>
- Agueo: the morose and taciturn Pangasinense sun god who is obedient to his father, Ama; lives in a palace of light<sup>[13]</sup>
- Algao: the Aeta Sun god who battled the giant turtle Bacobaco<sup>[14]</sup>
- Mangetchay: also called Mangatia; the Kapampangan supreme deity who created life on earth in remembrance of his dead daughter; lives in the Sun;<sup>[15]</sup> in other versions, she is the creator and net-weaver of the heavens<sup>[16]</sup>
- Aring Sinukûan: the Kapampangan Sun god of war and death, taught the early inhabitants the industry of metallurgy, wood cutting, rice culture and even waging war;<sup>[17]</sup> lives in Mount Arayat, and later included a female form<sup>[18]</sup>
- Apolaki: the Tagalog god of sun and warriors;<sup>[19]</sup> son of Anagolay and Dumakulem;<sup>[20]</sup> sometimes referred as son of Bathala and brother of Mayari; ruler of the world during daytime<sup>[21]</sup>
- Quadruple Deities: the four childless naked Tau-buid Mangyan deities, composed of two gods who come from the Sun and two goddesses who come from the upper part of the river; summoned using the paragayan or diolang plates<sup>[22]</sup>
- Adlao: the Bicolano son of Dagat and Paros; joined Daga's rebellion and died; his body became the sun;<sup>[23]</sup> in another myth, he was alive and during a battle, he cut one of Bulan's arm and hit Bulan's eyes, where the arm was flattened and became the earth, while Bulan's tears became the rivers and seas<sup>[24]</sup>
- Unnamed God: a Bicolano Sun god who fell in love with the mortal, Rosa; refused to light the world until his father consented to their marriage; he afterwards visited Rosa, but forgetting to remove his powers over fire, he accidentally burned Rosa's whole village until nothing but hot springs remained<sup>[25]</sup>
- Sanghid: the Waray giant who wove cloth on a gold loom with supernatural speed; has the power to move back the Sun<sup>[26]</sup>
- Liadlao: the gold-bodied Bisaya son of Lidagat and Lihangin; killed by Kaptan's rage during the great revolt; his body became the Sun<sup>[27]</sup>
- Adlaw: the Bisaya Sun deity worshiped by the good<sup>[28]</sup>
- Launsina: the Capiznon goddess of the Sun, Moon, stars, and seas, and the most beloved because people seek forgiveness from her<sup>[29]</sup>
- Magrakad: the Tagbanwa god found at exactly noontime on the other side of the Sun; gives the warmth which sustains life and, when the people are ill, carries away sickness<sup>[30]</sup>
- Tumangkuyun: wash and keep clean the trunks of the two sacred cardinal trees in Sidpan and Babatan by using the blood of those who have died in epidemics; the blood he uses causes the colors of the sunrise and sunset<sup>[31]</sup>
- Libtakan: the Manobo god of sunrise, sunset, and good weather<sup>[32]</sup>
- Unnamed Gods: the Bagobo gods whose fire create smoke that becomes the white clouds, while the Sun creates yellow clouds that make the colors of the rainbow<sup>[33]</sup>
- Kadaw La Sambad: one of the two T'boli supreme deities; married to Bulon La Mogoaw; lives in the seventh layer of the universe<sup>[34]</sup>
- Lageay Lengkuos: the greatest of Teduray heroes and a shaman (beliyan) who made the earth and forests; the only one who could pass the magnet stone in the straight between the

big and little oceans; inverted the directions where east became west, inverted the path of the Sun, and made the water into land and land into water<sup>[35]</sup>

- Sun Deity: the divine Maranao being depicted in an anthropomorphic form as a flaming young man; angels serve as his charioteers<sup>[36]</sup>

## Gondi mythology

- Narayan-Pen, god of the sun.

## Hinduism

The manifestations of sun god in Hindu belief are:<sup>[37]</sup> See also other Indian-origin religions, namely Buddhism and Jainism.

- Adityas and Aditi
- Aruna, charioteer of Surya, god of the morning Sun.
- Aryaman, god of the midday Sun
- Bhaskar
- Mihir, meaning Sun.
- Mitra, often associated with the Sun
- Savitr, god of the sun at sunrise and sunset
- Surya, the Sun god, rides across the sky in a horse-drawn chariot à la Helios and Sol
- Tapati, Sun goddess.



Surya

## Hittite mythology

- Istanu, goddess/god of the Sun and judgment
- Sun goddess of Arinna
- Sun god of Heaven, daylight god of judgement
- Sun goddess of the Earth, infernal goddess of the underworld.

## Japanese mythology

- Amaterasu, goddess of the Sun



Amaterasu emerging out of a cave, bringing sunlight back to the universe.

## Mesopotamian mythology

- Shamash, Akkadian god of the Sun and justice
- Utu, Sumerian god of the Sun and justice
- Šerida, Sumerian goddess of light, married to the god of the Sun (Akkadian name Aya)

## Scythian religion

- Tabiti, ancient Iranian goddess possibly connected with the Sun.

## **Tocharian**

- A "sun deity" (*kaum näkte*),<sup>[38]</sup> possibly a goddess.<sup>[39]</sup>

## Turkic mythology

- Gun Ana, common Turkic solar deity, seen as a goddess in the Kazakh and Kyrgyz traditions
- Koyash, god of the Sun

## Persian mythology

- Mithra, often associated with the Sun.
- Hvare-khshaeta, the Sun yazata

## Zunism

- The Zunbil dynasty and the subjects of Zabulistan worshiped the Sun, which they called Zun. They believed that the Sun was the god of justice, the force of good in the world and, consequently, the being that drove out the darkness and allowed man to live another day.

## European

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### Baltic mythology

- Saulė, goddess of the Sun



### Basque mythology

- Ekhi, goddess of the Sun and protector of humanity

### Celtic mythology

- Áine, Irish goddess of love, summer, wealth, and sovereignty, associated with the Sun and midsummer
- Alaunus, Gaulish god of the Sun, healing, and prophecy
- Belenos, Gaulish god of the Sun
- Brigid, an Irish goddess sometimes described as having a solar nature<sup>[40]</sup>
- Étaín, Irish Sun goddess
- Grannus, god associated with spas, healing thermal and mineral springs, and the Sun
- Lugh, Sun god as well as a writing and warrior god
- Macha, "Sun of the womanfolk" and occasionally considered synonymous with Grian

Idol of the Saulė used for peasant rituals in early 20th century from Palūšė, Ignalina District

- Olwen, female figure often constructed as originally the Welsh Sun goddess
- Sulis, British goddess whose name is related to the common Proto-Indo-European word for "Sun" and thus cognate with Helios, Sól, Sol, and Surya and who retains solar imagery, as well as a domain over healing and thermal springs. Probably the de facto solar deity of the Celts.

## Etruscan mythology

- Usil, Etruscan equivalent of Helios

## Finnish mythology

- Päivätär, goddess of the Sun

## Germanic mythology

- Sól/Sunna/Sunne, the common Sun goddess among the Germanic tribes, from Proto-Germanic Sōwilō; was chased across the sky in her horse-drawn chariot by a wolf

## Greek mythology

- Hyperion, titan god and personification of the Sun; father of Helios.
- Helios, god and personification of the Sun who drove across the sky in a chariot.
- Apollo, god of the Sun and light, among others. His most common epithet was Phoebus ("Radiant")
- Eos, goddess and personification of the dawn
- Hemera, goddess of the day
- Electryone, goddess of the sunrise

## Hungarian mythology

- Nap Király, the Hungarian god of sun. He's said to ride his silver fur horse everyday from east to west.
- Nap Anya, Goddess of the sun, partner of Nap király

## Lusitanian mythology

- Endovelicus, god of health and safety, worshiped both as a solar deity and a chthonic one
- Neto, claimed to be both a solar and war deity
- A possible sun goddess, whose cult has become that of Virgin Mary Nossa Senhora de Antime.<sup>[41][42][43]</sup>

## Minoan mythology

- A solar goddess of some sort, possibly the Snake Goddess.<sup>[44][45]</sup>

## **Roman mythology**

- Aurora, goddess of dawn
- Sol, god of the Sun, rides in a horse-drawn chariot

## **Sami mythology**

- Beiwe, goddess of the Sun, spring, fertility, and sanity

## **Slavic mythology**

- Dažbog, god of the Sun
- Khors, god of the Sun

## **Other**

- Lucifer is referred to as the god of the Sun in Aradia, or the Gospel of the Witches<sup>[46]</sup>

## **Oceania**

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### **Australian Aboriginal mythology**

- Bila, cannibal sun goddess of the Adnyamathanha
- Gnowee, solar goddess who searches daily for her lost son; the light of her torch is the Sun
- Wala, solar goddess
- Wuriupranili, solar goddess whose torch is the Sun
- Yhi, Karraur goddess of the sun, light and creation

### **Māori mythology**

- Tama-nui-te-rā, personification of the Sun

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